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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 April 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it does not contain the required amount of words (50 – 150) as necessitated. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
2. Claims 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "the decoded signal". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is also unclear to the Examiner whether the decoded signal is the live signal or the time shift signal

Claim 8 recite the limitations "the screen", "the previous broadcasting" and "the current broadcasting". There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-4, 9 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cavallero et al. (US 2002/0057372 A1).

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Regarding Claim 1, Cavallerano et al. teaches an image recording and reproducing apparatus, comprising:

- a decoding unit for decoding a live signal (Fig. 2, 30; Paragraph [0022]) and a time shift signal in a time shift mode (Fig. 2, 40; Paragraph [0023]), the live signal and the time shift signal being branched from a broadcast signal (Fig. 2 – RF in wherein the PIP channel feed is directed away from the main channel feed);
- a signal synthesizing unit for synthesizing the decoded live signal and the decoded time shift signal (Fig 2, 90 – multiplexing baseband main and PIP channels; Paragraph [0023] - multiplexer); and
- a display unit for displaying the synthesized signals (Fig. 1, 2; Fig. 2, video/audio out; Paragraph [0021]).

Regarding Claim 2, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a recording/storing unit for recording and storing the time shift signal (Fig. 2, 60 – delay memory; Paragraph [0023]).

Regarding Claim 3, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the decoding unit includes: a first decoder for decoding the live signal (Fig. 2, 30; Paragraph [0022]); and a second decoder for decoding the time shift signal (Fig. 2, 40; Paragraph [0023]).

Regarding Claim 4, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the broadcast signal is contents inputted through one channel (Fig. 2 – RF into main channel).

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Regarding Claim 9, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the display unit displays the synthesized signals on at least one split screen (Fig. 1).

Regarding Claim 11, Cavallerano et al. teaches an image recording and reproducing method, comprising the steps of:

- when a signal is reproduced in a time shift mode (Fig. 2, 90 – video/audio out from 15 second delay memory, 60),
- decoding a live signal (Fig. 2, 30; Paragraph [0022]) and a time shift signal (Fig. 2, 40; Paragraph [0023]) through first and second decoding units, respectively, the live signal and the time shift signal being branched from a broadcast signal (Fig. 2 – RF in wherein the PIP channel feed is directed away from the main channel feed);
- synthesizing the decoded live signal and the decoded time shift signal (Fig 2, 90 – multiplexing baseband main and PIP channels; Paragraph [0023] - multiplexer); and
- displaying the synthesized signals (Fig. 1, 2; Fig. 2, video/audio out; Paragraph [0021]).

Regarding Claim 12, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 11, wherein the time shift signal is recorded and stored in a recording/storing unit (Fig. 2, 60 – delay memory; Paragraph [0023]).

Regarding Claim 13, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 11, wherein the broadcast signal is contents inputted through one channel (Fig. 2 – RF into main channel).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 5-7 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cavallerano et al. (US 2002/0057372 A1).

Regarding Claim 5, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when a user request a reproduction of a current broadcasting, the signal synthesizing unit synthesizes the signals to display only the decoded signal on one screen (Fig. 1; Paragraphs [0002,0003]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to display only the decoded signal as was the case for any television set displaying television signals without picture in picture capability. Also, not requiring a time shift signal would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art since it has been held that constructing a formerly integral structure in various elements involves only routine skill in the art (Nerwin v. Erlichman, 168 USPQ 177, 179).

Regarding Claim 6, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when a user requests a reproduction of a current broadcasting (Paragraphs [0002,0003]), the signal synthesizing unit (Fig 2, 90 – multiplexing baseband main and PIP channels; Paragraph [0023] - multiplexer) synthesizes the signals to display the live signal and the time shift signal on a main screen and a sub-screen (Fig. 1, 2; Paragraph [0021]), respectively, the main screen and the sub-screen belonging to one screen (in at least Fig. 1).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to request reproduction of a current broadcasting (as aforementioned) as mentioned in the background of the specifications of Cavallerano et al.

Regarding Claim 7, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, a user requests a reproduction of a previous broadcasting (Paragraph [0002-0003] – swap the program being viewed in the main display with the PIP), the signal synthesizing unit (Fig 2, 90 – multiplexing baseband main and PIP channels; Paragraph [0023] - multiplexer) synthesizes the signals to display the time shift signal and the live signal on a main screen and a sub-screen (Fig. 1, 2; Paragraph [0021]), respectively, the main screen and the sub-screen belonging to one screen (in at least Fig. 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to request reproduction of a current broadcasting (as aforementioned) as mentioned in the background of the specifications of Cavallerano et al.

Regarding Claim 14, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 11, wherein, when a user requests a reproduction of a current broadcasting, the signals are synthesized to display only the decoded signals on one screen (Fig. 1; Paragraphs [0002,0003]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to display only the decoded signal as was the case for any television set displaying television signals without picture in picture capability. Also, not requiring a time shift signal would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art since it has been held that constructing a formerly integral structure in various elements involves only routine skill in the art (Nerwin v. Erlichman, 168 USPQ 177, 179).

Regarding Claim 15, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 11, wherein, when a reproduction of a current broadcasting is requested from a user

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(Paragraphs [0002,0003]), the signals are synthesized (Fig 2, 90 – multiplexing baseband main and PIP channels; Paragraph [0023] - multiplexer) to display the live signal and the time shift signal on a main screen and a sub-screen (Fig. 1, 2; Paragraph [0021]), respectively, the main screen and the sub-screen belonging to one screen (in at least Fig. 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to request reproduction of a current broadcasting (as aforementioned) as mentioned in the background of the specifications of Cavallerano et al.

Regarding Claim 16, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 11, wherein when a reproduction of a previous broadcasting is requested from a user (Paragraph [0002-0003] – swap the program being viewed in the main display with the PIP), the signals are synthesized (Fig 2, 90 – multiplexing baseband main and PIP channels; Paragraph [0023] - multiplexer) to display the time shift signal and the live signal on a main screen and a sub-screen (Fig. 1, 2; Paragraph [0021]), respectively, the main screen and the sub-screen belonging to one screen (in at least Fig. 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to request reproduction of a current broadcasting (as aforementioned) as mentioned in the background of the specifications of Cavallerano et al.

7. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cavallerano et al. (US 2002/0057372 A1) in view of Norsworthy (US 2003/0016304 A1).

Regarding Claim 10, Cavallerano et al. teaches an image recording and reproducing apparatus, comprising:

- a recording/storing unit for selectively storing the broadcasting signal according to the mode set by the mode setup unit (Fig. 2, 60 – delay memory; Paragraph [0023]);

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- a live decoding unit for decoding a live signal branched in the mode setup unit (Fig. 2, 30; Paragraph [0022]);
- a time shift decoding unit for decoding a time shift signal outputted from the recording/storing unit (Fig. 2, 40; Paragraph [0023]);
- a signal synthesizing unit for synthesizing the decoded live signal and the decoded time shift signal (Fig 2, 90 – multiplexing baseband main and PIP channels; Paragraph [0023] - multiplexer); and
- a display unit for displaying the synthesized signals (Fig. 1, 2; Fig. 2, video/audio out; Paragraph [0021]).

Cavallerano et al. fails to teach a mode setup unit for setting a mode of an inputted broadcast signal and that a time shift decoding unit for decoding a time shift signal outputted from the recording/storing unit. Norsworthy et al. teaches a mode setup unit for setting a mode of an inputted broadcast signal (in at least Figs. 1, 3).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine an antenna so as to allow reception of various broadcasts through a range of channels for picture in picture use concurrent of an immediate programming. Also, it would have been obvious to a have time shift decoding unit for decoding a time shift signal outputted into the recording/storing unit as opposed to from the recording/storing unit since it has been held that a mere reversal of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art (In re Einstein, 8 USPQ 167) as well as the provision of adjustability, where needed, involves only routine skill in the art (in re Stevens, 101 USPQ 284 (CCPA 1954)).

8. Claims 8 and 17-20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cavallerano et al. (US 2002/0057372 A1) in view of Takahashi et al. (US 2003/0099457 A1).

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Regarding Claim 8, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the screen switches from the previous broadcasting to the current broadcasting (Paragraphs [0002,0003]), but fails to explicitly teach a reproducing end position of the time shift signal is recorded, and when the screen again switches from the current broadcasting to the previous broadcasting, the signal synthesizing unit synthesizes the signals to display the time shift signal from the recorded reproducing end position. Takahashi et al. teaches a reproducing end position of the time shift signal is recorded (Page 11, claim 1), and when the screen again switches from the current broadcasting to the previous broadcasting, the signal synthesizing unit synthesizes the signals to display the time shift signal from the recorded reproducing end position (Page 11, claim 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Cavallerano et al. and Takahashi et al. so as to allow the user to view program content while during an interruption or a switch to another program, to commence viewing continuously afterwards by resumption of the saved program content during the interruption or switch (Paragraphs [0004,0005]).

Regarding Claim 17, Cavallerano et al. teaches an image recording and reproducing method, comprising the steps of:

- a) when a signal is reproduced in a time shift mode (Fig. 2, 90 – video/audio out from 15 second delay memory, 60), displaying a time shift signal and a live signal on one screen at the same time in response to a user's request for a reproduction of a previous broadcasting (Fig. 1);
- b) when the user requests a reproduction of a current broadcasting during the reproduction (Paragraphs [0002,0003]), recording a reproducing end position of the time shift signal; and
- c) when the user requests a reproduction of a previous broadcasting again (Paragraphs [0002,0003]), reproducing the previous broadcasting from the recorded reproducing end position of the time shift signal.

Cavallerano et al. fails to explicitly teach recording a reproducing end position of the time shift signal (Page 11, claim 1) and reproducing the previous broadcasting from the recorded reproducing end position of the time shift signal (Page 11, claim 1). Takahashi et al. teaches recording a reproducing end

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position of the time shift signal (Page 11, claim 1) and reproducing the previous broadcasting from the recorded reproducing end position of the time shift signal (Page 11, claim 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Cavallerano et al. and Takahashi et al. so as to allow the user to view program content while during an interruption or a switch to another program, to commence viewing continuously afterwards by resumption of the saved program content during the interruption or switch (Paragraphs [0004,0005]). Also, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to request reproduction of a current broadcasting (aforementioned) as mentioned in the background of the specifications of Cavallerano et al.

Regarding Claim 18, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 17, wherein when the user requests a reproduction of the previous broadcasting in the step a) or c) (Paragraphs [0002,0003]), the time shift signal and the live signal are displayed on a main screen and a sub-screen (Fig. 1), respectively.

Regarding Claim 19, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 17, wherein when the user requests the reproduction of the current broadcasting in the step b) (Paragraphs [0002,0003]), the live signal and the time shift signal are displayed on a main screen and a sub-screen, respectively (Fig. 1).

Regarding Claim 20, Cavallerano et al. teaches the image recording and reproducing method according to claim 17, wherein when the user requests the reproduction of the current broadcasting in the step b), only the live signal is displayed (Paragraphs [0002,0003]).

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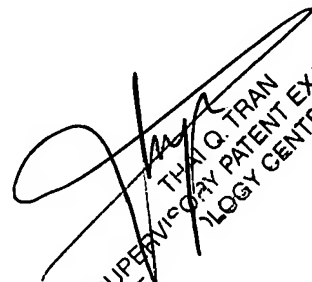
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272-9594. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:30PM (EST).

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